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## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

CATHY A. CATTERSON, CLERK U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

## FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

JOSE ISAAC CASTRO-DIAZ,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 05-10591

D.C. No. CR-04-00460-LDG

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Nevada Lloyd D. George, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted July 24, 2006\*\*

Before: ALARCÓN, HAWKINS, and THOMAS, Circuit Judges.

Jose Isaac Castro-Diaz appeals from his guilty-plea conviction and 51-month sentence for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.C.S. §§ 841(a)(1) and 846.

<sup>\*</sup> This disposition is not appropriate for publication and may not be cited to or by the courts of this circuit except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

<sup>\*\*</sup> This panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S. 738 (1967), counsel for Castro-Diaz has filed a brief stating there are no grounds for relief, and a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. No pro se supplemental brief or answering brief has been filed.

Because our independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 82-83 (1988), indicates that Castro-Diaz knowingly and voluntarily waived his right to appeal and was sentenced within the terms of the plea agreement, we enforce the waiver and dismiss the appeal. *See United States v. Nguyen*, 235 F.3d 1179, 1182 (9th Cir. 2000) (stating that an appeal waiver is valid when it is entered knowingly and voluntarily).

Counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**. The appeal is **DISMISSED**.